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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN COTTON CULTIVATION

1. AT MEETING WITH AID COORDINATOR ON AUGUST 16, 1973 CALLED

BY ABDUS SATTAR, SECRETARY (PLANNING), PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, HE REQUESTED AID ASSISTANCE INITIATE COTTON CULTIVATION PROGRAM. INPUTS REQUESTED WERE TWELEVE TO THIRTEEN TONS COTTON SEED FOR SOWING ON 3,000 ACREAS AND THREE TO SIX MONTHS SERVICES OF AGRONOMIST SPECIALIST IN COTTON. AS SOWING SEASON BEGINS SEPTEMBER, SEED MUST BE IN BD BY MID-SEPTEMBER AT LATEST. SECRETARY INDICATED PRIME MINISTER PARTICULARLY INTERESTED THIS PROGRAM AND HAD DIRECTED HIM APPROACH AID.

- 2. AID COORDINATOR INDICATED TIME CONSTRAINT MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR AID TO FINANCE SEED, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW SENSITIVITY US COTTON GROWERS TO AID INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGING COTTON CULTIVATION WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY NECESSITATE TIME CENSUMING CLEARANCES/APPROVALS IN WASHINGTON. COORDINATOR SUGGESTED INDIAN SOURCES BE CHECKED AND URGED DIRECT COMMERCIAL PURCHASE AS MOST EXPEDITIOUS METHOD.
- 3. PROMISED OBTAIN LIST SUPPLIERS FIRMS. COTTONSEED FOR COMMERCIAL PURCHASE SEED SUITABLE BANGLADESH.
- $4.\ RE$ ADVISOR, COORDINATOR NOTED DIFFICULTY OBTAIN ANYONE FOR THREE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SIX MONTHS AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE, BUT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS

EXPLORE WITH AID/W POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN EVENT BDG SUCCEEDS IN GETTING SEED TO BD IN TIME. COORDINATOR SUGGESTED SERIES OF BRIEF VISITS BY EXPERT DURING COURSE OF COTTON GROWING SEASON WOULD BE EASIER ARRANGE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED FAO AS BETTER SOURCE ASSISTANCE.

5. ORGIN OF REQUEST PRECLUDED FLAT TURN-DOWN BY MISSION WITHOUT SOME ATTEMPT BE RESPONSIVE. WE SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD BDG WILL SUCCEED IN GETTING SEED FROM ANYWHERE IN TIME FOR THIS SEASON AND DOUBT PROGRAM WILL BE SUCCESSFUL OVER LONG RUN. WOULD APPRECIATE AID/W COMMENTS ON PROVISION OF ADVISOR AND LIST COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS COTTONSEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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